

(1)	(2)	(3)
6. Bhandara	.	2
7. Bombay	.	61
8. Buldana	.	3
9. Chandrapur	.	1
10. Dhule	.	10
11. Jalna	.	1
12. Jalgaon	.	10
13. Kolhapur	.	32
14. Latur	.	2
15. Nanded	.	2
16. Nasik	.	17
17. Nagpur	.	10
18. Osmanabad	.	1
19. Perbhani	.	4
20. Pune	.	31
21. Raigad	.	7
22. Ratnagiri	.	4
23. Solapur	.	13
24. Sangli	.	18
25. Satara	.	10
26. Sindhudurg	.	3
27. Thane	.	14
28. Yavatmal	.	2
Total		281

#### FACILITIES TO ENCOURAGE HAND-LOOM INDUSTRY IN U.P.

**1508. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the facilities provided by the Union Government in Uttar Pradesh to encourage handloom industry;

(b) whether these facilities are given uniformly in all the districts;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to provide the same facilities to the handloom industry in Bilthra Road (Balia) as are being provided in Mau district;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT)**

(a) Government of India has a package of policies for implementation in States

all over the country including for U.P. The following are the details of the schemes available to the States :—

- (i) Financial assistance for modernisation of looms;
- (ii) Scheme of decentralised training to train weavers on improved technology;
- (iii) Design support and provision of technological inputs through a number of Weavers' Service Centres in the country;
- (iv) Special fiscal concessions to the handloom sector to remove the cost handicap of handlooms vis-a-vis the powerlooms;
- (v) Assistance to weavers to enable them to form industrial type co-operatives;
- (vi) Hill Area, Woolen Handloom Development Project/Export Production Project;

- (vii) Pre-loom, post-loom, processing facilities for weavers to make their products competitive in the market;
- (viii) Thrift Fund Scheme which covers Group Insurance Scheme;
- (ix) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme for providing suitable work places to the weavers and thus achieve better productivity.
- (x) Market Development Assistance Scheme including Special Rebate. Share Capital Assistance to Apex Societies and State Corporations to give market support to handloom products; and
- (xi) The Janata Cloth Scheme under which it is ensured that reasonable level of wages is paid to handloom weavers.

(b) to (e) The Union Government sanctions fund under different plan schemes to each State as per projections of requirement made by the State Government. Districtwise allocation of funds is made by State Governments depending on the number of weavers in each district and the details of requirement in each district.

[English]

#### SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS

1509. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the smuggling activities across Indo-Myanmar, Indo-China, Indo-Pak and Indo-Nepal borders have increased during the recent years;

(b) if so, the total quantity of contrabands and narcotics, seized and the number of persons apprehended on the above borders during the last three years and till date, borderwise; and

(c) the measures taken to check smuggling activities across these borders ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAM-ESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) Since smuggling is a clandestine activity, it is not possible to say whether such activities have increased across the Indo-Myanmar, Indo-Pak and Indo-Nepal borders during the recent years. Available reports do not indicate any significant smuggling across the Indo-China border.

(b) The total value of contraband seized and the number of persons arrested during the last 3 years of 1989, 1990 and 1991 (till date) by the Customs authorities in these sectors of land border are given in the table below. The quantity of heroin, hashish and ganja seized during the same period but emanating from Pakistan, Nepal and Burma are also given separately in the table below :

	Value of contraband seized (Rs. in crores)	Number of persons arrested
Indo-Myanmar sector	204.23	39
Indo-Pak sector	107.44	464
Indo-China sector	—	—
Indo-Nepal sector	52.89	765
(Quantity (in kgs.)		
	Heroin	Hashish
Myanmar	35	—
Nepal	—	3435
Pakistan	3644	9008

(The above figures are provisional).